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## **CLAIMS**

1. A radio-frequency (RF) repeater, comprising:

a first repeating section, which is adapted to receive and amplify forwardsignals from a first transceiver so as to generate amplified-forward-signals and to
radiate the amplified-forward-signals to a second transceiver, and to receive and
amplify reverse-main-signals from the second transceiver so as to generate amplifiedreverse-main-signals and to transmit the amplified-reverse-main-signals to the first
transceiver; and

a second repeating section, which is adapted to receive and amplify reversediversity-signals from the second transceiver so as to generate amplified-reversediversity-signals and to transmit the amplified-reverse-diversity-signals to the first transceiver.

- 2. A repeater according to claim 1, and comprising a housing which contains the first and second repeating sections.
- 3. A repeater according to claim 1, wherein the forward-signals are not received by the second transceiver, and the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals are not received by the first transceiver.
- A repeater according to claim 1, wherein the reverse-main-signals and the
   reverse-diversity-signals are generated from a reverse-signal transmitted from the second transceiver.
- A repeater according to claim 1, wherein the first repeating section comprises
   a first antenna which receives the reverse-main-signals, and wherein the second repeating section comprises a second antenna which receives the reverse-diversity-signals.

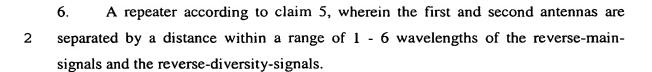
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- 7. A repeater according to claim 5, wherein the first and second antennas are adapted to receive differently polarized signals.
- 8. A repeater according to claim 1, wherein the first and the second repeating sections are adapted to introduce a time differential between the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals.
  - 9. A radio-frequency (RF) repeater system, comprising:
- a first repeater unit, which is adapted to receive and amplify forward-signals from a first transceiver so as to generate amplified-forward-signals;
- 4 cabling, which is adapted to receive and convey the amplified-forward-signals from the first repeater unit; and
  - a second repeater unit, which is adapted to receive the amplified-forward-signals from the cabling and to further amplify the amplified-forward-signals so as to generate resultant-forward-signals and to radiate the resultant-forward-signals to a second transceiver, and which is adapted to receive and amplify reverse-main-signals and reverse-diversity-signals from the second transceiver so as to generate respectively amplified-reverse-main-signals and amplified-reverse-diversity-signals and to convey the amplified-reverse-main-signals and the amplified-reverse-diversity-signals to the first repeater unit via the cabling, and wherein the first repeater unit is adapted to further amplify the amplified-reverse-main-signals and amplified-reverse-diversity-signals so as to generate respective resultant-reverse-main-signals and resultant-reverse-diversity-signals and to transmit the resultant-reverse-main-signals
  - 10. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein the forward-signals are not received

and the resultant-reverse-diversity-signals to the first transceiver.

- 2 by the second transceiver, and the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversitysignals are not received by the first transceiver.
- 11. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein the reverse-main-signals and the
   2 reverse-diversity-signals are generated from a reverse-signal transmitted from the second transceiver.
- 12. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein the second repeater unit comprises a
  2 first antenna which receives the reverse-main-signals and a second antenna which receives the reverse-diversity-signals.
- 13. A repeater according to claim 12, wherein the first and second antennas are separated by a distance within a range of 1 6 wavelengths of the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals.
- 14. A repeater according to claim 12, wherein the first and second antennas are adapted to receive differently polarized signals.
- 15. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein at least one of the first and the second repeater units is adapted to introduce a time differential between the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals.
- 16. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein the cabling comprises a first cable
  which conveys the amplified-forward-signals and the amplified-reverse-main-signals,
  and a second cable which conveys the amplified-reverse-diversity-signals.
- 17. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein the first repeater unit comprises a power supply which supplies power to the first repeater unit and to the second repeater unit via the cabling.

- 18. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein the first repeater unit comprises a
  2 monitor which monitors a condition of the first repeater unit and of the second repeater unit via the cabling.
- 19. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein the first repeater unit comprises a first forward-signal-converter adapted to generate the amplified-forward-signals as converted-frequency-forward-signals, and the second repeater unit comprises a second forward-signal-converter adapted to generate the resultant-forward-signals from the converted-frequency-forward-signals.
- 20. A repeater according to claim 19, wherein the first forward-signal-converter comprises a first mixer which receives an indication of a local oscillator (LO) frequency and generates the converted-frequency-forward-signals as intermediate-frequency-forward-signals (IF-forward-signals) having a frequency less than the forward-signals responsive to the indication, and wherein the second forward-signal-converter comprises a second mixer which receives the indication of the LO frequency and the IF-forward-signals and generates the resultant-forward-signals responsive thereto.
- 21. A repeater according to claim 19, wherein the first forward-signal-converter comprises an optical emitter which generates a modulated-optical-carrier responsive to the forward-signals, the second forward-signal-converter comprises an optical detector which receives the modulated-optical-carrier and generates the resultant-forward-signals therefrom, and wherein the cabling comprises a fiber optic cable.
  - 22. A repeater according to claim 9, wherein the second repeater unit comprises:
- a first reverse-signal-converter adapted to generate the amplified-reversemain-signals as converted-frequency-reverse-main-signals; and
- a second reverse-signal-converter adapted to generate the amplified-reversediversity-signals as converted-frequency-reverse-diversity-signals,

- and wherein the first repeater unit comprises:
  - a third reverse-signal-converter adapted to generate the resultant-reverse-
- 8 main-signals from the converted-frequency-reverse-main-signals; and
- a fourth reverse-signal-converter adapted to generate the resultant-reversediversity-signals from the converted-frequency-reverse-diversity-signals.
  - 23. A repeater according to claim 22, wherein the converted-frequency-reversediversity-signals comprise a different frequency from the converted-frequencyreverse-main-signals.
  - 24. A repeater according to claim 22, wherein the first reverse-signal-converter 2 comprises a first mixer which receives an indication of a first local oscillator (LO) frequency and generates the converted-frequency-reverse-main-signals intermediate-frequency-reverse-main-signals (IF-reverse-main-signals) 4 frequency less than the reverse-main-signals responsive thereto, and wherein the third reverse-signal-converter comprises a second mixer which receives the indication of 6 the first LO frequency and the IF-reverse-main-signals and generates the resultant-8 reverse-main-signals responsive thereto.
  - 25. A repeater according to claim 24, wherein the second reverse-signal-converter 2 comprises a third mixer which receives an indication of a second LO frequency and the converted-frequency-reverse-diversity-signals as intermediate-4 frequency-reverse-diversity-signals (IF-reverse-diversity-signals) having a frequency less than the reverse-diversity-signals responsive thereto, and wherein the fourth reverse-signal-converter comprises a fourth mixer which receives the indication of the 6 second LO frequency and the IF-reverse-diversity-signals and generates the resultantreverse-diversity-signals responsive thereto. 8
  - 26. A repeater according to claim 25, wherein the second LO frequency and the first LO frequency are different.

- 27. A repeater according to claim 22, wherein the first reverse-signal-converter comprises a first optical emitter which generates a first modulated-optical-carrier responsive to the reverse-main-signals, and wherein the third reverse-signal-converter comprises a first optical detector which receives the first modulated-optical-carrier and generates the resultant-reverse-main-signals therefrom, and wherein the cabling comprises a fiber optic cable.
- 28. A repeater according to claim 27, wherein the second reverse-signal-converter comprises a second optical emitter which generates a second modulated-optical-carrier responsive to the reverse-diversity-signals, and wherein the fourth reverse-signal-converter comprises a second optical detector which receives the second modulated-optical-carrier and generates the resultant-reverse-diversity-signals therefrom.
- 29. A repeater according to claim 28, wherein the second modulated-optical carrier comprises a second modulated-optical-carrier frequency different in value
   from a first modulated-optical-carrier frequency of the first modulated-optical-carrier.
- 30. A method for repeating radio-frequency (RF) signals, comprising:
   receiving in a first repeating section forward-signals from a first transceiver;
   amplifying the forward-signals in the first repeating section so as to generate
   amplified-forward-signals;
  - radiating the amplified-forward-signals from the first repeating section to a second transceiver;
- receiving in the first repeating section reverse-main-signals from the second transceiver;
- amplifying the reverse-main-signals in the first repeating section so as to generate amplified-reverse-main-signals;
- transmitting the amplified-reverse-main-signals from the first repeating section to the first transceiver;

receiving in a second repeating section reverse-diversity-signals from the second transceiver;

amplifying the reverse-diversity-signals in the second repeating section so as
to generate amplified-reverse-diversity-signals; and

transmitting the amplified-reverse-diversity-signals from the second repeating section to the first transceiver.

- 31. A method according to claim 30, and comprising enclosing the first and the second repeating sections in a common housing.
- 32. A method according to claim 30, wherein the forward-signals are not received by the second transceiver, and the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals are not received by the first transceiver.
- 33. A method according to claim 30, and comprising transmitting a reverse-signal from the second transceiver and wherein receiving in the first repeating section the reverse-main-signals comprises generating the reverse-main-signals responsive to the reverse-signal, and wherein receiving in the second repeating section the reverse-diversity-signals comprises generating the reverse-diversity-signals responsive to the reverse-signal.
- 34. A method according to claim 30, and comprising receiving the reverse-main signals in a first antenna comprised in the first repeating section, and receiving the reverse-diversity-signals in a second antenna comprised in the second repeating
   section.
- 35. A method according to claim 34, wherein the first and second antennas are
   separated by a distance within a range of 1 6 wavelengths of the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals.

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- 36. A method according to claim 34, wherein the first and second antennas are adapted to receive differently polarized signals.
- 37. A method according to claim 30, and comprising introducing a time delay between the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals.
  - 38. A method for repeating radio-frequency (RF) signals, comprising:
- 2 receiving forward-signals from a first transceiver;

amplifying the forward-signals in a first repeater unit so as to generate amplified-forward-signals;

conveying the amplified-forward-signals to a second repeater unit;

- further amplifying the amplified-forward-signals in the second repeater unit so as to generate resultant-forward-signals;
- 8 radiating the resultant-forward-signals to a second transceiver;

receiving reverse-main-signals and reverse-diversity-signals from the second transceiver;

amplifying the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals in the second repeater unit so as to generate respectively amplified-reverse-main-signals and amplified-reverse-diversity-signals;

conveying the amplified-reverse-main-signals and the amplified-reversediversity-signals to the first repeater unit;

further amplifying the amplified-reverse-main-signals and amplified-reversediversity-signals in the first repeater unit so as to generate respectively resultantreverse-main-signals and resultant-reverse-diversity-signals; and

transmitting the resultant-reverse-main-signals and the resultant-reverse-20 diversity-signals to the first transceiver.

39. A method according to claim 38, wherein conveying the amplified-forward-signals comprises conveying the amplified-forward-signals via cabling.

- 40. A method according to claim 38, wherein the forward-signals are not received
  2 by the second transceiver, and the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals are not received by the first transceiver.
- 41. A method according to claim 38, wherein receiving the reverse-main-signals
   2 and the reverse-diversity-signals from the second transceiver comprises transmitting a reverse-signal from the second transceiver and generating the reverse-main-signals
   4 and the reverse-diversity-signals responsive to the reverse-signal.
- 42. A method according to claim 38, wherein receiving the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals comprises receiving the reverse-main-signals in a first antenna and receiving the reverse-diversity-signals in a second antenna.
- 43. A method according to claim 42, wherein the first and second antennas are separated by a distance within a range of 1 6 wavelengths of the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals.
- 44. A method according to claim 42, wherein the first and second antennas are adapted to receive differently polarized signals.
- 45. A method according to claim 38, and comprising introducing a time delay between the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals.
- 46. A method according to claim 38, wherein conveying the amplified-forward-signals comprises conveying the amplified-forward-signals via a first cable, and wherein receiving the reverse-main-signals and the reverse-diversity-signals comprises conveying the reverse-main-signals via the first cable and conveying the reverse-diversity-signals via a second cable.

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47. A method according to claim 38, wherein amplifying the forward-signals
 2 comprises converting a frequency of the forward-signals to generate the amplified-forward-signals as converted-frequency-forward-signals, and wherein further
 4 amplifying the amplified-forward-signals comprises generating the resultant-forward-signals from the converted-frequency-forward-signals.

- 48. A method according to claim 47, wherein converting the frequency of the forward-signals comprises mixing the forward-signals in a first mixer with a local oscillator (LO) frequency and generating the converted-frequency-forward-signals as intermediate-frequency-forward-signals (IF-forward-signals) having a frequency less than the forward-signals, and wherein further amplifying the amplified-forward-signals comprises mixing the IF-forward-signals with the LO frequency and the IF-forward-signals in a second mixer and generating the resultant-forward-signals therefrom.
- 49. A method according to claim 47, wherein converting the frequency of the
   2 forward-signals comprises modulating an optical carrier to generate a modulated-optical-carrier responsive to the forward-signals, and conveying the modulated-optical-carrier from the first repeater unit to the second repeater unit via a fiber optic cable, and generating the resultant-forward-signals comprises detecting the modulated-optical-carrier.
  - 50. A method according to claim 38, and comprising:
- generating in a first reverse-signal-converter comprised in the second repeater unit the amplified-reverse-main-signals as converted-frequency-reverse-main-signals;
- generating in a second reverse-signal-converter comprised in the second repeater unit the amplified-reverse-diversity-signals as converted-frequency-reverse-diversity-signals;
- generating in a third reverse-signal-converter comprised in the first repeater
  unit the resultant-reverse-main-signals from the converted-frequency-reverse-main-

signals; and

- generating in a fourth reverse-signal-converter comprised in the first repeater unit the resultant-reverse-diversity-signals from the converted-frequency-reverse-diversity-signals.
  - 51. A method according to claim 50, wherein the converted-frequency-reversediversity-signals comprise a different frequency from the converted-frequencyreverse-main-signals.
  - 52. A method according to claim 50, wherein generating in the first reverse-signal-converter comprises mixing a first local oscillator (LO) frequency with the reverse-main-signals so as to generate the converted-frequency-reverse-main-signals as intermediate-frequency-reverse-main-signals (IF-reverse-main-signals) having a frequency less than the reverse-main-signals, and generating in the third reverse-signal-converter comprises mixing the first LO frequency and the IF-reverse-main-signals so as to generate the resultant-reverse-main-signals therefrom.
  - 53. A method according to claim 52, wherein generating in the second reversesignal-converter comprises mixing a second LO frequency different from the first LO
    frequency with the reverse-diversity-signals so as to generate the convertedfrequency-reverse-diversity-signals as intermediate-frequency-reverse-diversitysignals (IF-reverse-diversity-signals) having a frequency less than the reversediversity-signals, and wherein generating in the fourth reverse-signal-converter
    comprises mixing the second LO frequency and the IF-reverse-diversity-signals so as
    to generate the resultant-reverse-diversity-signals therefrom.
  - 54. A method according to claim 50, wherein generating in the first reverse-signal-converter comprises modulating a first optical emitter with the reverse-main-signals so as to produce a first modulated-optical-carrier and conveying the first modulated-optical-carrier from the second repeater unit to the first repeater unit via a

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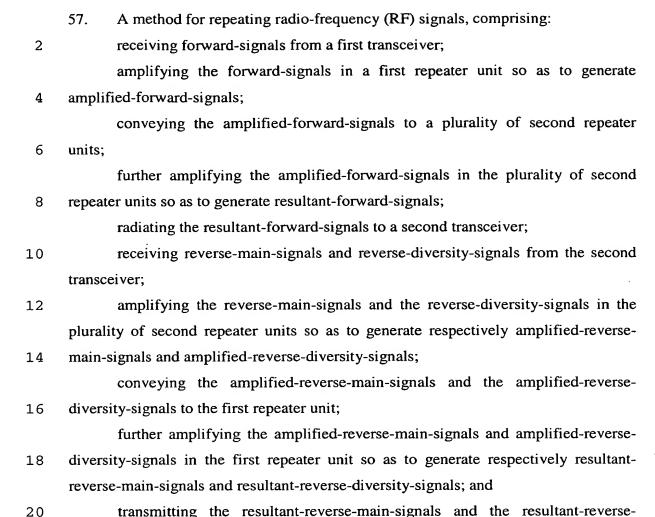
fiber optic cable, and wherein generating in the third reverse-signal-converter comprises detecting the first modulated-optical-carrier and generating the resultant-reverse-main-signals therefrom.

- 55. A method according to claim 54, wherein generating in the second reverse-signal-converter comprises modulating a second optical emitter with the reverse-diversity-signals so as to produce a second modulated-optical-carrier, and conveying the first modulated-optical-carrier from the second repeater unit to the first repeater unit via the fiber optic cable, and wherein generating in the fourth reverse-signal-converter comprises detecting in a second optical detector the second modulated-optical-carrier and generating the resultant-reverse-diversity-signals therefrom.
- 56. A radio-frequency (RF) repeater system, comprising:

a first repeater unit, which is adapted to receive and amplify forward-signals from a first transceiver so as to generate amplified-forward-signals;

cabling, which is adapted to receive and convey the amplified-forward-signals from the first repeater unit; and

a plurality of second repeater units, each of which is adapted to receive the amplified-forward-signals from the cabling and to further amplify the amplified-forward-signals so as to generate resultant-forward-signals and to radiate the resultant-forward-signals to a second transceiver, and which is adapted to receive and amplify reverse-main-signals and reverse-diversity-signals from the second transceiver so as to generate respectively amplified-reverse-main-signals and amplified-reverse-diversity-signals to the first repeater unit via the cabling, and wherein the first repeater unit is adapted to further amplify the amplified-reverse-main-signals and amplified-reverse-diversity-signals so as to generate respective resultant-reverse-main-signals and resultant-reverse-diversity-signals and to transmit the resultant-reverse-main-signals and the resultant-reverse-diversity-signals to the first transceiver.



58. A method according to claim 57, wherein conveying the amplified-forward-signals comprises conveying the amplified-forward-signals via cabling.

diversity-signals to the first transceiver.